

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Screenshot_2015-10-02-17-35-26.png

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700367.003

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: New Zealand

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 July 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 July 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image consists of a “selfie” photograph with a close-up focus on a young teenager’s nearly naked breasts. The availability of this image would encourage the creation or reinforcement of a sexual interest in underage girls and perpetuate the belief that young teenagers are appropriate subjects for the sexual gratification of adults. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.